

PETER & THE ROCK, WHICH IS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE AND FAITH FOR HIM

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Matthew 16:18 “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Deuteronomy 32:4 “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

1 Corinthians 10:4 - And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Even though the tares have toiled among the wheat from all sides, it was not possible for them to completely annihilate it.

Thus it happens also in this time, as here also in other places – great siftings; and the enemy of truth will not be able to do anything against them anymore.

[8] Therefore I am now building impressive dams against the flood of the lie, **I erect the true rock of Peter, which the gates of hell will not prevail against.** (Gifts of Heaven chap. 521)

[12] Standing on sand, no-one can lift a load without sinking into the bottomless sand. But whoever stands on a rock, will he also sink into the rock when he lifts a great load? But **My name is the rock!** **He who builds on it, will never be destroyed.** (Gifts of Heaven chap. 222)

[42] **I am the stumbling block and the rock of offense to the house of Israel**, for a noose and a snare to all the hypocrites of the earth, so that many of them may bump into Me and fall, and be broken, and be entangled, and be captured.

[43] Woe to you Pharisees and Sadducees, the light appeared to Moses before, when the bush burned in the fire; but you blindfold yourselves!

[44] The law of the Lord is eternal and is written in every man's heart; but you, who are to preach peace, divide the people and condemn where you are to seek with all love.

[45] You are perverse leaders and guides of the people, and your children and children's children will make it even worse!

[46] **You strike the rock; but it remains closed.** You still kiss the rod of Aaron; but it no longer greens.

[47] Listen, you who plant the cedar under the rock and bind the vine to a rotten stake! The cedar will still turn green, **and the vine will climb up the rock**. (Gifts of Heaven chap. 292 – The Lord's Sermon on the ship)

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18th May 1842, evening

What then is the pope, who also calls himself: A rock? Is this in truth a "rock" or "Peter the rock"?

[1] **Yes, once, before the council in Nicaea, he was a capable rock. But then the evil enemy kindled a strong fire of self-love, selfishness and lust for power around the rock - and the rock became a limestone.**

[2] If then the waters of heaven come upon him from all sides, it shall fare with him as it does with the naturally burnt limestone, so the water shall be poured out upon him - because it then also hisses, rushes, roars, boils with intense heat and then starts to boil and steam violently, but finally, in spite of all this, it all falls apart into a loose mountain which is mixed with sand, to connect the dead stones of an even more dead wall.

[3] But if then such a wall is torn down by another builder, such mortar is thrown into ditches as useless rubble to fill up the puddles! Behold, this is now the supposed "rock"!

[4] But keep this page with you! Because even without the page, the matter is really the same. Therefore keep this page only with and for yourself! Amen.

387. You are Peter the rock

25th Mai 1847

You are Peter (a rock), on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not overpower it! To you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven; what you shall loosen on earth shall be loosened in heaven, and what you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

[1] Because of these scriptural texts, the greatest error and delusion still prevails to this day in all Christian districts on earth; for all without exception consider themselves more or less to be the church-rock of Peter and think they have the real keys to the kingdom of God and think they can open or close it at will for those who want to enter, that is, to give the Word of the Gospel arbitrarily, to mutilate it, to withhold it, to forbid it, to give arbitrary commandments for it, and to lay on it the eternal punishments, to tempt people to as many sins as possible through such commandments, to then arbitrarily abate or withhold these, and, in exchange for certain penitential works, to grant or well also withhold even full or partial indulgences for all sins committed!

[2] **If a man had but an atom of great pure intellect, he would, for the sake of My Divinity, have to realize after all that I, Who merely preached the law of general brotherly love at every opportunity, could not possibly have given the apostle Peter, like all other apostles, such a power of authority and such a destiny, which, finally evidently behaves with charity just like hell and heaven!**

[3] **He who gives laws, gives also the judgment; is the judgment love? But that is why I took upon Myself all judgment on the cross, so that love alone would remain for mankind - but where is this conceivable, where a billion seats of judgment are set up among those who are supposed to be brothers, and wherever one looks, sees nothing but laws upon laws?! Is that Peter the rock on which My church, which is and is to be nothing but just love and love again, is to be built?**

[4] **Everyone who recognizes and loves Me like Peter, is a true rock, on which I can build My true church - the true love and wisdom out of Me - and also really build it in all seriousness.** But how then shall any large or small church under any leader be a rock, since everyone thinks and believes what he wants; where one mumbles incomprehensible words with his lips and sells such mumblings for a useful prayer, the other one curses and mocks and laughs about them, a third acts as judge and condemns everything into the deepest bottom of hell? Can such a church or its board be the rock on which My church is built, that shall never overpower the gates of hell?!

[5] I said: **By love - if you love one another as I love you - they will recognize that you are truly My disciples! Love, then, I gave as the sole characteristic from which one can recognize whether someone is a true rock on which My church is built.** But how then is the now so multiplied judgment seats among the brothers, which they are to be a mark of the from hell, not vanquished rock of Peter and My church built upon it?! Oh you dreadfully blind stupidity of the people of this time, you who keep yourself unconquered by hell and, according to everything you do, are for already a long, long, long time right in the middle of it!

[6] **If I had wanted to found a visible church with it, I would certainly have said to all apostles and disciples: You all are Peter. But I said to Peter alone too palpably for that reason, since he was the first who recognized Me according to My divine nature! He was therefore also the first to whom I, in his faith and trust, gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven, which is a kingdom of love for God in the heart of man, and out of it only true love for neighbor, but to which love no-one can get without previous knowledge of God, since surely everyone must first know Him before he can love Him.**

[7] This love of God and neighbor is thus the true kingdom of God, the only true living church, built on the rock of right knowledge and the firm and unshakable faith and trust derived from it, which of course no hell can destroy any more.

[8] But external communal ceremonial parade- and pomp-work of a supposedly insurmountable Church of Christ on some golden and silver rock of Peter, is no more church and rock of Peter than hell is heaven or the excrement of a pig is a diamond. Or have I indeed ever said: By gold, silver, precious stones, precious Mass clothing, in great earthly power and in the greatest earthly prestige, in the most magnificent church buildings, bells and organs, by the Latin language and the like more, it will be recognized that you are My disciples? Verily, verily, such a thing has never been mentioned and predicted by Me as a characteristic of My true church; **through John indeed in the Revelation, where the great whore is spoken of** - but this will not be the rock of Peter, will it?!

[9] Simon Jonah, who was a true Peter, said to one, whom he healed with My true Spirit in him: "**Gold and silver I have not, but what I have I will give to you!**" I wonder if the successor of Peter in Rome, who wants to be and should be, the bishops in England, some superintendents in Germany and the mighty patriarch of all Greeks could say the same about themselves with a clear conscience, without making themselves ridiculous in front of the whole world? Do they also have no sacks, no shoes and no canes? Oh see, **how was Peter and how was his church of love built on the rock of his heart, and what was its ground, and how are all the present churches built, and what are their cause?** I think even a blind man must understand and see this, let alone one whose eyes are already wide open.

[10] **The time will come where one will worship God everywhere in spirit and in truth, and not in Jerusalem and not on Mount Gerizim!** So you also read in the Scriptures! But according to this then spirit, truth, true knowledge, faith, trust and true love for God and neighbor in the heart of every single man, is the one and only true rock and the church, which is then built alive on it by Myself, which alone can offer defiance to hell eternally. But everything else is a vain work of man and applies to nothing at all, and does not give the slightest protection against hell when the true rock and the true living church built in every single person, is lacking in it.

[11] It is therefore also a vain question, **which outer, visible church is the right one among the many who carry My name. The answer to this is and can eternally never be otherwise than: None at all! Only the church in the heart, which I have made, is the only right one and is eternally secured from hell; Everything else has been concocted by the world, belongs to it and is eternally worthless before Me.**

[12] Therefore also the keys to My kingdom are to be sought only in the living, alone true church, but never in any church community or its executive boards. What someone will then loosen or bind for himself out of this his own living church, built by Me in his heart, on the earth of his natural life and the life of his brothers, that is already loosened or bound in heaven, because this sole true church is already heaven itself - or even more clearly stated: Whatever someone will accomplish in and from such of his mighty church of love, that will also be accomplished in heaven forever.

[13] These are therefore also the real keys to the kingdom of heaven, that you recognize Me as your holy truest God and Father, love Me above all things, and love your brothers and sisters as yourselves. If this is the case with you, then you have Peter - the true church - fully developed and the real keys to the Kingdom of Heaven; but everything else is a zero! So understand this well, and live accordingly, Amen, Amen, Amen.

389. You are Peter the rock - continuation

29th May 1847

*But if one of you want to ask about the rock of Peter and say: Yes, if this rock, therefore, is to be taken purely spiritually and only to be sought in every man individually and is not to be understood in the board of a church as in the whole church, why then does the Lord allow that for centuries the churches are stuck in each other's hair and rough up each other in the cruelest way possible, just because of being the true rock of Peter, **since every church firmly believes that Peter the Rock is at home in it?***

[1] The reason of such admission lies much deeper than some of you would think at first. Of course, it should not be like this, and yet it must be like this again, because everything else is still like this!

A true descendant of Abraham was raised spiritually without sensual intercourse, John was begotten in the same way, Mary, and in primeval times such procreations happened frequently, and many prophets were begotten in this way.

[2] This way of procreation is certainly the right one and still happens not seldom without the knowledge of the parents; but this way is of heaven and is not suitable for the world - which, however, also has to be because of the possible participation in the redemption. But what else is left than to leave the world its sensual way of procreation, and therefore to let the old sin continue together with the complete redemption, so that every imprisoned nature-soul may have an unhindered way into the kingdom of grace and mercy one way or the other! Therefore **also the external Peters must exist, by which the children of the world may find their way one way or the other.**

[3] **Just as the spirit likes only what is in its nature, the world also likes what is in its nature.** Here the proverb applies which says: Like prefers to associate with like. It would be desirable also that the trees and other plants would rather produce immediately ripe fruits instead of the preceding bloom and still some other ceremonial appearances. But there is no other way, so from the great circle of beings, everything that is still at the bottom should finally be directed upwards and there reach eternal freedom!

[4] So it must also be permitted that, besides the only right spiritual way of the world, also its various detours and sometimes even the most glaringly wrong ways are left, on which it can nevertheless be led in time either here or there on the right way. Or could the first fruits, who come from below, be baptized immediately into the only true inner church of the spirit? That would be no more possible than an immediately ripe fruit without a preceding blossom from a tree.

[5] **The prince of night and death must therefore have his worldly chapel alongside the true church, which is built on the rock of Peter. But out of this chapel a way still goes into the true church, and he cannot hinder anyone who wants to pass over from this chapel into the true church, just as he could not hinder you to pass over from this chapel into My true church and remain in it for eternity!**

[6] But imagine Mary under the true Church and Martha under the Worldly Chapel, who makes a lot of noise about pure worldly things, while Mary with her best part at My feet listens to My teaching, which alone is light and life, and receives it into her heart! **But when her brother was in the grave, still both wept alike, and both came to Me, that I would awaken him who lay dead - in the grave - bound and full of stench, rotting!**

[7] But nothing more about that! - **I think from this gift, you will easily be able to see why, besides the right church of Peter in the heart, also external ones are allowed;** therefore it would also be completely unnecessary to say anything further about it. Therefore consider this well in your heart, Amen. (Gifts of Heaven vol. 3 chap. 389)

[15] **If you say, full of fear and faintheartedness: "Lord, your will be done!" - that means nothing to Me. But if you speak this with a free and joyful heart, you will always find help.** For only in a heart that is free and joyful in My name do I dwell powerfully; but a depressed, sighing and fearful heart, is likewise depressed, sighing and powerless.

[16] Or can a master builder build a strong and powerful house on soil that is too soft, damp, and sandy? I think that rocky ground will certainly be more suitable for that. **So your heart, too, and the faith in your heart must become a rock**; otherwise My power will find no support in you so firm that, leaning on it, it could express itself completely effectively according to your and My wishes. (Gifts of Heaven vol. 3 chap. 458)

Now no-one is right but only he who neither leans back nor forwards, but remains with Me as straight as a candle and steadfast as a rock and leaves everything to Me alone - what is more than that, I tell you openly, is sin. (Gifts of Heaven vol. 3 chap. 460)